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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52
In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet Broadband Industry
Practices.

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, whose mission is to open the door to the American Dream for all, including Latino families, we join with our sister civil rights organizations in applauding your efforts to ensure that all communities have access to the latest communications technology, especially in these challenging economic times.

We share this laudable goal. The need to ensure that all communities, including those in low-income and minority neighborhoods, have greater access to broadband is no longer an option, it is an imperative. If the digital divide continues, it will imperil the economic, health, and political status of minority communities and severely limit the opportunities they should have in these arenas. We are ready to work with you to make sure that this issue is addressed quickly and effectively.

To that end, we are very pleased that the Commission is working diligently to meet the congressional deadline to provide a blueprint to achieve universal broadband access, pursuant to the provisions in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. This is a monumental challenge that has been aided immensely by Congress and the administration's willingness to invest considerable resources in providing access to historically underserved rural and urban areas.

As you consider your task pursuant to the National Broadband Plan, and concurrently open a rulemaking on the laudable goal of preserving an open Internet, we urge you to consider how regulatory actions can help this country achieve the goal of universal access, as well as support the economic recovery and job creation. We would appreciate having the benefit of the Commission's deep understanding and analysis to reveal how the Order can be achieved in a manner that spurs job growth, private and public investment, and increased access and deployment of technology to the underserved. With this careful and thoughtful consideration, we are confident that the Commission will ensure that these important objectives can be met.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Murguía". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'J' being particularly large and looping.

Janet Murguía
President and CEO

cc: Hon. Michael J. Copps
 Hon. Robert McDowell
 Hon. Mignon Clyburn
 Hon. Meredith Attwell Baker